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**PUBLIC INVITED TO OBSERVE/ADDRESS
THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S
RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
IN LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO**

The New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet in Las Cruces, NM, on Thursday and Friday, December 13 and 14 at the Hilton Hotel at 705 South Telshor Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88011, starting at 8:00 a.m. each day. This meeting is open to the citizens of New Mexico. The Public may address the RAC on Friday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. on issues the RAC has under consideration.

The purpose of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands.

The main topic of discussion will be Off Highway Vehicle use on Public Lands. Presenters will include:

- Jeff Herrick, Research Scientist at Jornada Experimental Range
- Abel Camarena, US Forest Service Deputy Regional Forester, will give an update of Forest Service activities as related to BLM activities.
- A panel of non-motorized trail users will discuss their use of public lands: a representative from Back Country Horsemen, the International Mountain Biking Association, and a hiking club.
- RAC discussion of the implementation of Standards and Guidelines for Grazing
- BLM Field Office Manager's Reports and RAC Subcommittee Reports

The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities. The New Mexico RAC was established in 1995 as a component of the BLM's Rangeland Management Program. It is made up of volunteer New Mexicans who have a wide variety of viewpoints and expertise on how best to guarantee healthy public lands in the State.

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